
ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

NEWS RELEASE



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SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON PURSE SEINE FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that the following areas will be open to purse seining during the times and in the areas listed below:

District 9

The following areas will be open to purse seining **7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Sunday, September 2, 2012:**

Section 9-B: will be open in the following areas:

Security Bay and contiguous waters: will be open within one nautical mile of the Kuiu Island shoreline north of the latitude of Kingsmill Point Light and west of the longitude of Meade Point with the following restriction:

Security Bay: normal makers.

Port Camden: will be open south of the latitude of Point Camden with the following restriction:

Port Camden: normal makers.

Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions: Chinook salmon 28 inches or greater in length **may be retained** and sold. Chinook salmon greater than 21 inches and less than 28 inches may be retained but not sold. Chinook salmon 21 inches or less may be retained and sold. All Chinook salmon harvested in THAs may be retained and sold. All Chinook salmon harvested in the Deep Inlet THA must be retained, must be reported on fish tickets, and may be sold.

Based on recent aerial observations, the chum salmon abundance in Nakwasina Sound is currently not sufficient to provide for a purse seine opening. An aerial survey is scheduled for early next week.

Aerial surveys indicate that there is not a surplus of fall chums in Cholmondeley Sound at this time. An aerial survey is scheduled for early next week and the first opening is still planned for September 10.

The next seine announcement will be issued on **Tuesday, September 4, 2012.**

Copies of the “2012 Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Fishery Management Plan” may be obtained at department area offices listed below and can be downloaded on the department’s website at:
http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon_managementplans.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this news release is EO 1S7612.

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